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## ECONOMIC CONFERENCE GOOD RESULTS ACHIEVED (Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 8.  
The Imperial Conference met in the morning to wind up its business. The proceedings were marked by great cordiality. All the Dominion Premiers unanimously opined that the Conference had been most successful. Mr. Baldwin said the British Government was most grateful to the Dominion Premiers, whose long journeys had been justified by the results achieved. The Dominion Premiers expressed their gratitude to Mr. Baldwin and other British ministers and the Secretary of State. Mr. Baldwin, on behalf of the Government, opined that the unseen work of the Conference had been most extraordinarily useful and helpful, also the work of the Dominion's Secretariats.

**PREFERENCE FOR EMPIRE WINES**  
LATER.  
The Economic Conference carried a resolution recommending the adoption of the conclusions of the Geneva customs conference. It was announced that the British Government proposed to reduce the duty on Empire wine of a strength exceeding thirty per cent to two shillings by doubling the existing preference and secondly to reduce the surtax on sparkling wines from the Empire to 6s. 3d. by increasing the preference to fifty per cent. Representatives of the dominions expressed their gratitude. Sir Charles Gals made a statement regarding the committee on inter-imperial exchanges. All the delegates opined that the conclusions of the committee would be of the greatest value in stimulating imperial trade. The conference decided that the Imperial Economic Committee should be composed of four representatives of Britain and two each of the Dominions and Crown Colonies. Reuter learns that the Dominions will be given a preference of sixpence a gallon on grape juice.

**WORKMENS' COMPENSATION**  
The Economic Conference unanimously adopted resolutions relating to the application of the Workmen's Compensation Act throughout the dominions. A resolution recommending the establishment of an Economic Committee which will be of an advisory character stipulating that no question having any reference to another part of the Empire may be referred to the Committee without the consent of the part concerned.

## TWELVE-MILE LIMIT TREATY. LEGAL DIFFICULTY CROPS UP.

LONDON, November 8.  
It is understood that a legal difficulty has arisen in regard to the Anglo-American compromise in respect of the twelve-mile limit, namely, the question of whether the effect of the projected treaty will be unconstitutional. Mr. Hughes does not consider the treaty would violate the constitution but the question can only be decided by a test case before the United States Supreme Court. He suggested a rider might be added to the treaty that if any part thereof is invalidated by a ruling of the Supreme Court the whole treaty would fall. Thus there will be no danger that it will be modified to the detriment of either party.

## RUSSIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA. SOVIET BISHOP FORCIBLY EJECTED.

NEW YORK, November 8.  
The priests and monks of St. Nicholas Cathedral forcibly ejected the Reverend John Kedrovsky when, wearing the insignia of Soviet Bishop of North America, he attempted to take over the Cathedral. Kedrovsky recently returned from Russia accompanied by the Reverend Chechula who said he was delegated to seize the Russian church properties in America valued at three million dollars.

## MONEY IN COTTON.

LONDON, November 8.  
J. P. Coats show a net profit for the year of £3,800,000 compared with £3,700,000 last year. A bonus of six pence a share, less tax, has been declared and £4,000,000 is carried forward.

## QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA, (California) Nov. 8.  
A strong earthquake shook the town of... at about 11.30 p.m. on Nov. 8. The shock was not... was not... was not...

## SITUATION IN GERMANY. FRENCH SERIOUSLY CONCERNED.

PARIS, November 8.  
The Government has instructed its Ambassador at Berlin to express to the German Government its serious concern at the situation tending to the establishment of a dictatorship with the triple programme of suppressing the Treaty, suppressing reparations and preparing for a war of revenge. The French Government reiterates its intention not to interfere in the internal affairs of Germany but expresses a wish to see a real democratic government speedily established.

It transpires that the Ambassadors' Conference took no decision on the question of the ex-Crown Prince but referred it to their governments.  
**VON KAHR AND HITLER.**  
MUNICH, November 9.  
After Dictator Von Kahr had spoken at a large Nationalist demonstration in the Burgerbrauen beer cellar denouncing Marxist principles, the Fascist leader, Adolf Hitler entered with six hundred men and announced that the Bavarian Government had been overthrown. He added that the new Government was in the hands of Ludendorff who was Commander-in-Chief while Von Hitler is to be his political adviser, further that the Chief of the Munich police, Von Poehner, had been appointed Administrator General and Von Lossow, Minister of Defence. Hitlerite troops then surrounded the cellar. Later the troops of the Oberland organisation with Reich colours occupied a number of places, particularly open spaces. There is no further news from the cellar where it is believed Von Kahr and Von Hitler are negotiating. The attitude of the Reichswehr is unknown. Bavarian police have occupied the telegraph office.

## SILVER MARKET.

"BULLS" PUT IT ACROSS "BEARS."  
LONDON, November 8.  
Mocatta's silver report early in the week reported from India that the "Bulls" had secured a large quantity of silver bullion from the Government. The "Bears" were unable to deliver. This no doubt has brought down the cost of their holdings to a satisfactory level. Mocatta's hear to-day that they have disposed of the greater part of their holdings. Stocks in China show a sharp fall. The tendency of China to buy is more pronounced. This with the fall of the sterling-dollar rate gives a better appearance to the market. Mocatta's look to the price being at least maintained in the near future.

## ROUND THE WORLD. U. S. AIR FLEET'S TOUR.

AKRON, (OHIO) November 8.  
General Patrick, Chief of the Army Air Service, announced that the War Department proposed to send an aeroplane fleet around the world in the Spring. It will start from the East Coast and fly to the Pacific Coast, thence to Alaska and across the Bering Strait, then via the islands to India whence they will go to Persia, Scandinavia, Greenland and Home.

## ON "WANTED" LIST. ALLIES AND LITTLE WILLIE.

PARIS, November 8.  
The Ambassadors' Conference has decided to ask the Dutch Government not to permit the German ex-Crown Prince to leave Dutch territory and the German Government not to permit him to enter Germany on the ground that he is on the list of war criminals whose surrender was demanded by the Allies.

## FAR EAST COMMERCE CHAMBERS.

**SIR JOHN JORDAN'S TRIBUTE.**  
LONDON, November 8.  
In his speech at the China Association dinner, Sir John Jordan paid a tribute to the great services of the British Chambers of Commerce in the Far East and expressed the conviction that wonderful patience and tenacity of purpose would pull the Chinese through their difficulties.

## INDIAN OFFICER MURDERED.

DELHI, November 8.  
Captain Wells of the Kurrum militia and his wife, have been murdered at Parachinair.

## NEW AIR RECORD.

PARIS, November 8.  
A new world's speed record for a biplane was set by a French biplane which flew from Paris to London in 1 hour 14 minutes 13 seconds.

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## INTIMATIONS.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 10th and MONDAY, 12th November 1923 commencing 2.45 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the members' enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to FRIDAY November 9th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.  
Hongkong, October 29, 1923.

## HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

## FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

MONDAY, November 12th, at 9.12 p.m. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

## MAIN EVENTS.

Fifteen Round Contest for the weight Championship of the Colony and the Scott-Harbin Belt.

A. B. DIXON, H.M.S. "Cicala" v. SGT. TRIBE, R.G.A.

Ten Round Lightweight Contest  
A. B. HINES, H.M.S. "Diomedes" v. Pte. FLYNN, 2nd Battalion, The King's Regiment.

Also  
One Heavyweight, One Middleweight, One Bantamweight and One Featherweight Contest of six rounds each.  
Booking at Moutrie's—Members on the 8th November.

General Public from the 9th Nov.  
USUAL PRICES:  
A Band will be in attendance.  
Next Tournament 1st Dec. 1923 at the Theatre Royal.

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Saturday, November 10th.

SEE EARL HAIG'S MESSAGE TO HONGKONG.

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## HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in England).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Shareholders in the above named Company that the Special Resolution to wind up the Company and the Extraordinary Resolution providing for the distribution of the Company's assets of Shares in the Hongkong Tramways Limited (Incorporated in Hongkong) of which notice has been given to the Shareholders having been confirmed and passed the REGISTERS OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above named Company both in London and in Hongkong WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1923 for the purpose of registering transfers of Shares after which date the said Registers will be closed and the Liquidator will proceed to a distribution of the assets of this Company among the persons appearing as Shareholders upon the said Registers in accordance with their rights and with the said Extraordinary Resolution.

W. F. SIMMONS, For and on behalf of EDWARD MITCHELL MORRIS, Liquidator.

## NOTICE.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription List will be Open on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of NOVEMBER, 1923, and Close on or before SATURDAY, the 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1923.

## HONGKONG DEVELOPMENT BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY, LTD.

Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances 1911-1921.

CAPITAL \$10,000,000.  
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Any of the shares now offered to the public which may not be subscribed for will be allotted in such manner as the Directors shall determine.

## Directors:

Dr. J. C. DALMAHOY ALLAN, Alexandra Building, Medical Practitioner.

C. E. BEAVIS, Esq., 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Solicitor.  
H. A. CARTWRIGHT, Esq., 1A, Chater Road, Victoria, Managing Director, "Hongkong Daily Press," Ltd.

CHAN SAU FUNG, Esq., 11, Mui Pong Street, Victoria, Merchant.

CHAU SIU KI, Esq., 8, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Merchant.  
FREDERICK ELLIS, Esq., 10, Ice House Street, Victoria, Stock Broker.

HON. MR. R. H. KOTTEWALL, Alexandra Buildings, Victoria, Merchant.

LEUNG YAN PO, Esq., St. George's Building, Victoria, Comptroller, of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

LI WING KWONG, Esq., 153, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Merchant.

LI YAU TSUN, Esq., 75, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Merchant.

THE REVEREND FATHER L. ROBERT, Procureur Generale des Missions Etrangeres, Procureur General.

WONG PAK SON, Esq., 220, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Merchant.

## Bankers:

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## Auditors:

Messrs. PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, Accountants, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

## Solicitors:

Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office of the Company:  
No. 10, ICE HOUSE STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

## PROSPECTUS:

(a.) This Company has been formed principally for the purpose of building houses in the Colony of Hongkong with a view to meeting the great demand for housing accommodation which exists in the Colony at the present time.

(b.) In particular it is proposed to take advantage of the offer recently made by the Government for the grant of land for building purposes on the basis of the scheme explained by The Colonial Secretary at a Meeting of the Legislative Council in June, 1923.

The Promoters are in a position to state that they have completed negotiations for the acquisition from the Government of the plateau below "Jardine's Lookout" which is capable of accommodating 160 to 200 semi-detached houses. The Promoters are also in treaty with the Government for numerous other sites in good localities.

The Promoters have already received about 2,000 applications from persons desiring to obtain the assistance of this Company in building homes for the applicants.

The Promoters will also entertain, and, if thought advisable, take up any other scheme or schemes which may be proposed by the Government for the acquisition of land for building and development.

(c.) The Company is also empowered by its Memorandum of Association to undertake business of all kinds connected with the development of building areas.

(d.) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 100,000 shares.

(e.) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(f.) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.

(g.) FRANKLIN ELLIS will be the first Managing Director under a contract with the Company at a remuneration of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company.

(h.) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$1,000 per annum.

(i.) None of the Directors or Promoters are interested in the promotion of the Company except to the extent of the shares held by them in the Company.

(j.) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the offices of Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(k.) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(l.) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$1.00 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be refunded in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(m.) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

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J. D. LLOYD, Superintendent, Imports and Exports.  
Hongkong, 7th November, 1923.

## BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, 12th instant.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1923.

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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Hedjaz has applied for admission to the League of Nations.

The Bishop of Colombo has announced his intention of resigning next spring.

After being closed fifty years, Allendale (Co. Durham) lead mines are to be reopened by the Weardale Lead Company.

A tablet commemorating the defence of Arras in 1917-18 by the British 52nd Division was unveiled in the Chapelle des Augustines at Arras.

Dr. C. E. Goddard, Medical Officer of Health to Harrow and Wembley, has been appointed medical officer to the British Empire Exhibition.

The loss sustained by the Japanese Navy as a result of the earthquake is estimated at one hundred million yen (£10,000,000) by Admiral Takabe, Minister of the Navy.

The Chinese Government has paid out the indemnity of 25,000 gold dollars which was demanded for the murder of Mr. Colman, an American merchant, at Kalgan. The case is now considered settled.

The Mayor of Le Cateau has caused much distress in his own commune, and much amusement in the rest of France, by a decision that only persons of the same sex may dance together in cafes.

Mr. Knut Rasmussen, the Arctic explorer, has started on a sledge journey of about 3,000 miles across Alaska and the Behring Strait to the east coast of Siberia.

Liberated at Morenz, France, 14 months ago in a Derbyshire federation race, a homing pigeon has just returned to its loft at Clowne, Derbyshire, with its ring missing and one wing clipped.

The Polish Finance Minister states that arrangements have been made for the formation of a Polish bank of issue and for a loan of Poland from British financiers and the American firm of J.P. Morgan and Co. of \$10,000,000.

Dover Admiralty Harbour, which cost £5,000,000 to build and was opened 14 years ago, was handed over by the Admiralty for commercial uses to Dover Harbour Board, who propose spending £1,250,000 on improvement schemes.

It is proposed to invite the Trades Union Congress to meet in Belfast next year.

It is formally announced that the United States has recognised the Mexican Government.

The King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has appointed Mr. John Foster Vesey Fitzgerald to be Recorder of Tenterden.

A free distribution of insulin to necessitous persons suffering from diabetes is to be made throughout Ontario, says a *Reuter* message from Toronto.

From Hammarstein, Prussia, it is reported that 50 Germans with British passports were roughly handled and deported. The passports (says the *Central News*) were destroyed.

Despite a few disappointing days in the latter half of the month, August in Southern England was one of the sunniest on record, the amount averaging over seven hours a day.

The Pope, who has been a keen Alpinist, has proclaimed Saint Bernard of Menton, founder of St. Bernard's Hospice, as the patron saint of Alpinists, says a *Reuter* message from Rome.

Thomas Argent, 61, who is alleged to have cut his wife's throat and then his own at the home of their son in Lillingdon-street, Pimlico, SW., has died from his injuries.

One of the largest trout ever caught with rod and fly in Canada has been landed by the City Engineer, Mr. L. K. Brown, at Sault, Ste. Marie, Ontario. It was a rainbow trout, and weighed 13 lb. 13½ ozs.

The *Daily Express* states that Mr. Charles Stanton (66), the millionaire timber merchant, of Bermondsey, was found dead with his head in a rain water tank in the garden of his private house at Horsell, Surrey.

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Street traders are holding a meeting at the Memorial Hall, Kingston-street, E.C., to protest against the Street Trading Bill introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Onslow.

The mission representing Begov Traders, Ltd.—an association of British engineering firms—which is visiting Russia with a view to re-establishing trading relations, arrived at Riga and left for Moscow.

Two students, Arthur Seep, 19, and Joseph Seep, 25, brothers, of Oil City, Pennsylvania, passengers, received fatal injuries, and the pilot was instantly killed, in an aeroplane accident at La Courneuve, near Paris.

The Turkish Government has decided to seize the establishments and factories within the Constantinople zone belonging to Greeks who are about to be exchanged for Moslems in Greek territory.

Mr. Arthur Casey, an enthusiastic angler of Reading, having entered his punt with a friend, was about to start fishing in the Thames, when he suddenly lurched forward and died instantly. He was 41 years of age.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG FRIDAY, NOV. 9, 1923.

## NO ROADS, NO TRADE.

In the matter of roads where other countries have progressed China has been slow. For material backsliding she is a world apart. Although allusion to canals has no direct bearing upon our theme, we would submit, for analogy's sake, that in England, in the 17th century, hardly a single navigable canal had even been projected. In China, on the contrary, as far back as the 6th century B.C. the Imperial Canal was begun and in 1285 a mighty artificial river connected Tientsin with Hangchow. But mark the directions of the change. One hundred and fifty years sufficed for private enterprise to intersect England with waterways while in China official neglect had allowed portions of the Grand Canal to be so silted with mud as to be no longer effective. Similarly, in England, even toward the close of the 17th century, the roads were in the most wretched condition and travelling was insufferably slow. On the great roads, rutted, rutted, and deep, the fleecy sheep, and the way so poorly constructed as to be scarcely distinguishable in the dusk, from the moor and fen through which they ran. The motor-cars, which now glide with little jolt or jar from one end of the country to the other testify to the great change which has been wrought. A few centuries ago twenty-one great highways, paved with stone and often bordered with trees, connected Peking with the remote regions of the empire. Running approximately in a straight line, cutting into the steep mountain sides, and often attaining a width of twenty and twenty-five yards, they leave testimony of a once gigantic system of labour and of a strongly efficient executive. But these great roads are, in large measure, things that were. It would have demanded a comparatively small outlay of capital and labour to keep these roads in repair, but neglect has allowed them to fall into such a state of

state of dilapidation as in many places, to offer rather an impediment to a danger than a facility. Far from following in the wake of the former great road constructors and linking village with village, town with town, the poor wearied officials and high spirited people sat down on their oars and with filmy eyes watched the work of their ancestors glide into ruin. The lofty ideals of Ancestral Worship would appear to exclude material conceptions and to sever the spirit from practical work.

In the south of the province of Kiangsu the canals and rivers are the slow highways of communication. The long sailed ribbons which stretch away through the farms permit but Indian file and the jolting wheelbarrow. They are left to the sport of the elements and are often covered with a woody luxuriance. In the north of the province in Suichow Fu, there are no canals and so carts are run over trails which are a disgrace to the intelligence of the inhabitants. The whipped mules, dragging a loaded car, sunk to the axles, welter their way through sloughs of mire, or bob and wobble, to shift a traveller's dreams, along the deep, rutted and cleave through the yielding silt. While the train is thus painfully and patiently struggling along, bandits, needy and greedy, swoop from behind the tall sorghum canes and hurry off with whatever is worth the taking. In Kansu there are few roads crossing the province, but beyond these, ways are so bad that man must take the place of beasts of burden and must trudge wearily along, stooping under their load. Indeed the chief reason for the undeveloped condition of Kansu lies in the difficulty presented to conveyance and communication. In Kweichow all transport has to be done by carriers or pack animals. The fine network of waterways in Kwangsi established fair communication but the roads which exist are more tracks and are badly kept up. The Chuan was ancient trails, sometimes lying ten feet below the level of the fields through which they ran, when the rains come they are impassable. When the roads are in repair, but neglect has allowed them to fall into such a state of

education between drivers meeting from opposite directions.

Travelling along such roads involves considerable expense and waste of time and the price of goods is so augmented by carriage dues as to render, in many cases, prohibitive, export of domestic produce and importation of outside goods. Time is money, even in China. Snail-paced mules and carts might have afforded a pleasant outing to a drowsy Hilpa and Shallum in the days before the flood, but man's mortal stretch is now sadly curtailed and the wide-awake officials and men of business of the present day demand to waste as little time as possible while basking themselves from business centres to places of production. Railways will not suffice. These are indeed, the great arteries of communication, but veins and capillary vessels are necessary to make trade circulate with speed to and from these arteries. Villages and towns should be linked by networks of such excellence as to make travelling and transportation rapid, easy, and cheap. It is all important that craftsmen and fishermen, workers in pottery and workers in wood, farmers and raisers of stock should find favourable markets for their wares, produce, and animals. Otherwise the rural market becomes quickly congested and glutted; and the supply is greater than the demand. Bad roads, are a curse to rural workers, to dwellers in districts remote from large centres of distribution, because it is owing to inefficient means of communication that these producers are unable to dispose of their goods.

It does not require a profound logical reasoning to show how good roads would prove, in many ways, beneficial to the producer by bringing him in touch with a ready market. The farmer, stock-raiser and craftsman would be encouraged by the new demand created by easy conveyance to increase their productions. More hands would be given to labourers and thus one great problem would be put fairly on its way towards solution. Not only would the staple products of the district be transported to other points but canning factories would spring up at central places when radiating roads would ensure a steady current of agricultural produce. Farmers would no longer limit their ambition to local supply but would furnish their quota toward the provisioning of our great cities and of remote districts where supply is less than the demand, and finally rise to the "swelling theme" of purveyors to the great world markets.

Further results, material to the welfare of the nation, would flow from the possession of good ways of communication. Central China has, for many years, been swarming with robber bands which impose a grievous toll. At present they come and go with fair impunity. Good roads would heighten the activities of police and military and afford speedy advance to an attacked village. Moreover enrolment in these bands would no longer loom forth, to thousands of sturdy men, as the one avenue to a comfortable subsistence. Again, with an excellent system of highways throughout the provinces, there would set in a current towards a better mutual understanding, towards a tightening of the ties of the country, towards broader views of patriotism, towards those further corollaries which common sense will deduce, more or less immediately from these, and which, in no small measure, would contribute to the opening up and exploitation of China's buried resources, to the rebotomizing, on saner modern principles, of a building, ancient indeed, but whose solid old timbers and beautiful old architecture are well worth the propping, are well worth the services of pile-driver and mason.

## RICKSHA ROBBERIES

Countless tales of ricksha men being robbed whilst in rickshas in the Colony can be told by the police to whom some reports are made. Yesterday's *China Mail* contained an account of how an American police officer from the Shanghai "Poon" was cleared out of his ricksha by a band of ricksha men who had been waiting for him to fall into such a state of

other cases the victims usually wake up when it is too late, and their ricksha, money and valuables have all gone. Rumour has it that there are some young natives who make it their business to entice seafaring men out of their way at night by weird stories. Once in some dark lane, or byway, the stranger is set upon and before he knows where he is he has become a sadder and a wiser man. It has been said concerning these stories that the victims are sometimes ricksha men. Even if they notify the police they are said to have a tendency to keep back some of the details or hesitate to explain their presence at the particular spot. Going further into the seamy side of Hongkong night life, old residents who profess to be in the know, say that there are ricksha coolies who are in league with footpads. They are supposed to be on the look-out for men who appear to be strangers under the influence of liquor and are alleged to make it their business to drive the victim either to Happy Valley or some West where he is robbed. From this it must not be concluded that the Police are idle in this respect. The organisation in existence invariably traces the movements of a ricksha or a number of them which use the various pitches. Time and again, large sums of money and valuables have been recovered as the result of this detailed system, while the coolies also boast some honest men among them who have voluntarily handed in packages left in their vehicles.

## Sound Advice.

The speech of Sir John Jordan, as Chairman of the China Association, will have been read with especial interest by those desirous of seeing stable government established in China. Sir John is one of the few foreign ex-diplomats who can speak with authority on things Chinese, and, when he becomes pessimistic, it is high time that China's rulers sit up and took notice. Sir John hints in no mistaken fashion that a Chinese Mussolini is the only prospect for the salvation of China. Reading between the lines of the brief cabled message, one is inclined to the belief that Sir John is of the opinion that Chang Tse-lin is the man for the presidency. Many may pick upon Marshal Wu Pei-fu as the man indicated, but in view of the fact that Wu's paper victory occurred within two years of Sir John's departure, it is scarcely credible that Sir John has forgotten the sad mess that Wu made at Loyang when he seized the railway revenue on the Peking-Hankow line and ordered the dismissal of station-masters, if not the shooting, appointed by the Central Government when they demurred about handing over the cash in their charges. Sir John's advice is sound in that he realizes that retaliation from foreign men-of-war is the only way to deal with sporadic anti-foreign outbursts. The prospects of a Round Table Conference are hopeful, but unless the Chinese Mussolini appears and takes matters in hand, there is little likelihood that China's present state of political unrest will cease.

When a woman hears a man railing at matrimony she agrees with him first and marries him later.

We all applaud the efforts of our local thespians and wish them well in their ambitious undertaking in producing R.U.R. A reader who has had a couple of days of denique and who has been reading Leacock's "Over the Footlights" has suggested that a return to the old-style drama would be very welcome, something after the style of "The Girl who took the wrong turning" or "A Girl's Cross-Roads." Another suggests William Archer's "shocker." The Green Goddess would prove very attractive. A reading of the play, now a London success, proves that it is very acceptable, tremendously exciting and can be done with the minimum of scenery.

The demolition still continues, the latest sacrifice being in Morrison Gap Road where quite a number have gone the way of their Garden Road friends.

Two sportsmen were rather relating some of their tall adventures when one said: "Once I was out shooting when I saw a large number of galahs sitting on the branches of an old leafless tree. I went to fire, but found that my gun was not loaded, and that I had used all my cartridges. However, I had a packet of tacks, and I showed them down the barrels with a couple of choice thorns, took careful aim and fired. Then I looked on the assemblage, for not a bird moved. Then after a couple of seconds the tree rose, and out of the ground came a flock of galahs, and they were all shot."

Those things at which a man jests sometimes the curious trick of becoming his subsequent stoutest faiths.

## BRING STILL.

J.C. Wright in the *Friends' Quarterly Examiner*. "It has been said that if every person would think without speaking for five minutes every day, the world would be a better world." We know the story of the wealthy man who, when dying, called his prodigal son to him and told him he would leave his money to him on one condition—that he should each day spend one hour alone. The son promised to obey, and became a reformed character. Solitude for one hour out of twenty-four made him think.

The need for mental stillness, for peace and balance, is obvious. We are apt to become one-sided and make mistakes because we do not wait long enough to see both sides of a question.

## NICKNAMES.

The English equivalent of a new nickname they are using in Canton is smooth head, meaning one who is an opportunist. If it ever comes to Hongkong we know quite a number of wiggish gentlemen who are likely to get angry!

## BUSINESS.

Chinese as the greatest business people of all time. Even the little nippers have it pretty bad. Scene Queen's Road near the barracks on the left-hand side coming into town. Small boy very small; big basket; very big; full of pea-nuts; the side walk is wide—fourth part of Queen's Road; the "merchant" squats down by the channel, makes about a dozen tempting piles of nuts and awaits events. Comes one of the insatiables, sees the trap laid for him—hesitates and is lost. Bang goes one cash and disappears there one pile of nuts. More inscrutable, more bangs, and—nuts. Thus do our wealthy comrades lay their solid foundations. Much more satisfactory than snatching, although our purists will say they ought to be at school. But "Men must work and women must sweep. And if we're to have rice We must others entice, And—Yes! We have no peanuts."

## LA FEMME.

Bitter Sorrow to a woman. "Wait but a moment," she answered, "until I find a face powder that will make me look paler, and change my jade necklace for a plain gold cross."

## OPINIONS OF WOMEN.

Confucius: Woman is the master piece. Herder: Woman is the crown of creation.

Voltaire: Women teach us respect, civility, and dignity.

John Quincy Adams: All that I am my mother made me.

Lessing: Nature meant to make woman its masterpiece.

Lamarque: There is a woman at the beginning of all greatness.

Whittier: If woman lost us Eden such as she alone restores it.

E. S. Barrett: Woman is, last at the cross and earliest at the grave.

Richter: No man can either live plausibly or die righteously without a wife.

N. P. Willis: The sweetest thing in life is the unclouded welcome of a wife.

Voltaire: All the reasonings of men are not worth one sentiment of woman.

Leopold Schefer: But one thing on earth is better than the life—that is the mother.

Shakespeare: For where is any author in the world teaches such beauty as a woman's eyes?

Michelet: Woman is the Sunday of man; not his repose only, but his joy, the salt of his life.

Margaret Fuller Osoli: Woman is born for love, and it is impossible to turn her from seeking it.

Louis Desnoyers: A woman may be ugly, ill-shaped, wicked, ignorant, silly, and stupid, but hardly ever ridiculous.

This happened in a fruit shop.

The Strawberry, which was in love, plucked the fruit next to it and blushing said, "You're a Peach." This annoyed the Orange, which said, "I've got the pips." "Oh, don't get sour," whispered the Lemon. "I'm feeling a bit seedy myself," muttered the Water Melon.

"Keep cool," said the Cucumber (aside to the Cucumber), "you're a bit of a nut to crack." "I wish someone would buy me," said the Banana, and look along about it.

to play the piano with all the aplomb, expression, insight, and brilliance given to but few. His repertoire consists of no fewer than 74 pieces, all played from memory. It was our privilege, the other day to listen to the youthful executant for the first time; to watch the chubby fingers almost race over the keys, and to listen to music that like Lincoln, is for the ages. His feet as yet do not reach the pedals, and a contrivance has to be fixed to enable him to make use of these necessary aids to correct piano-forte playing. He improvises also. His memory is obviously outside the ordinary, and his interest in music stamps him as being born to the wonderful art of music. Lessons in harmony may mean the unearthing of powers of composition which we hope shall be for the benefit of the whole world. And yet it was but by a mere accident that the inherent talent was discovered—the purchase of a toy piano and its manipulation being the first discovery of the young boy's aptitude. Hongkong will have an early opportunity of listening to his prowess, and will certainly wish that these early manifestations of genius will blossom forth into something lasting. Who knows, here may be another Chopin or a Beethoven.

## Today's Poem.

(Dilemma.)

Shall I lose my hair  
To the sun's good light  
Or brush and bind it  
Sleek and tight?

Shall I dance to music  
Fast and sweet  
Or languid, sit  
With quiet crossed feet?

Shall my first long skirt  
Be crisp and white,  
Or a silken serpent  
Black as night?

Shall my laughter be  
As a bird that flies  
Or gathered close  
In my dreaming eyes?

If one should say  
I love to me,  
Shall I wait for another,  
Or two, or three?

—KATHLEEN COTTER-GROSS.

## WEATHER CALENDAR.

## NOVEMBER 9.

1711. I begin to have a fire now, when the mornings are cold: I have got some loose bricks at the back of my grate for good husbandry. Fine weather.—Swift.

1784. My father returned from High Cliffe yesterday, looking charmingly, and admires to find London in the same fog he left it.—Lady Louisa Stuart.

## HELP.

People may need help, but the self-respecting shrink from pity. The cripple would rather you ignored his crutch and met him on the level. Often the most tactful help one can give is not seeing the need for any.

## Get Rid of the Torment of Rheumatism.

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## MIDNIGHT ROSE.

In the twined silence of late May  
The clouds went on the shifting night.  
Worn thy scent less in the day,  
Lost for the startled light.  
I would pray  
The end of day;  
Were now thy bloom less bright  
(Though unseen) pray  
The end of night.

—TIMON.

## POPPY DAY.

"Pushin' up the daisies, Bill,  
Shovin' up the blooms,  
Feedin' poppies on a hill,  
From our peaceful tomb."  
Mac an' me was Tommie then,  
Rightin' over there—  
Smilin' Mac-jokin' when  
Grim death was in the air.  
We'd jest been a wonderin'  
What we'd likely do,  
Countin' names and faces,  
When the war was through.  
Pushin' up the daisies, Bill—  
Reckon that like  
Mac an' me and ratted a bill  
Goin' down for me!

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

## Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

November 9.—Coronet Theatre: Nazimova in "Salome."

November 9.—Star Theatre: Mary Pickford in "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

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November 8.—The Grand Theatre: George Arliss in "Dianell."

November 9.—Theatre Royal: Forbes Russell Comedy Co. "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" instead of "All of a Sudden Peggy," 9.15 p.m.

November 10.—Theatre Royal: Forbes Russell Comedy Co. "Bought and Paid For," 9.15 p.m.

November 10.12.—Hongkong Jockey Club's next Gymkhana.

November 12.—First Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Assn. at the Theatre Royal, 9.12 p.m.

November 12.—Football at So-mukong, Navy v. Army, 4.15 p.m.

November 15.—Pudco Hotel handicap billiards tournament commences.

## SOCIAL.

November 10.—Dancing at Palace Hotel, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

November 11.—Empress of Canada Band Repease Bay Hotel, from 4 to 7 p.m.

November 13, 20, 27.—Hongkong St. Andrew's Society Practice Dance.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

November 10.—Lammett Bros., a quantity of miscellaneous goods at Sales Rooms, 11 a.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An Extra Gymkhana is announced for Saturday, December 1st, when there will be a special St. Andrew's programme.

None but Government motor-cars are permitted to run at Canton after 7 p.m., while martial law is in force, except by special licence.

The Blue Funnel liner "Sarpedon" left Singapore on the evening of the 7th inst., and is due to arrive at Hongkong on Sunday afternoon (11th inst.).

Mr. Tom Wright formerly of this Colony, has booked his passage to England. He will not be returning to the Sandwich Islands, as he says he cannot live without beer.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 27th amounted to 95,518 tons and the sales during the period to 82,761 tons.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., announce a Bank Holiday Excursion to Macao on Monday next, leaving Hongkong at 9 a.m. and Macao at 3 p.m.

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

Yesterday evening, the Hong-kong Horticultural Society held its annual meeting in the office of Messrs. Stewart Bros. in Chater Road. There were many members present.

The Chairman said: Ladies and Gentlemen, Before I proceed to address you on general matters, I feel sure you would desire to have placed on the records of the Society our deep regret at the recent sudden death of Miss Wallace and our sincere sympathy with her sorrowing relatives. As one who has been Hon. Secretary and President of the Society for various periods, I can assure you that her loss is no small one to the Society—and with this all past officials will be in entire agreement. Her work will be of a very unobtrusive character for she always desired to keep in the background but it was sterling work, and we shall find it very difficult to replace her. It is thanks to her that members received this report as in the absence of a permanent Hon. Secretary I had feared it would be impossible to get it issued. Miss Wallace was working in the interests of the Society up to within a few days of her death.

## WORK OF THE YEAR.

It is some 16 months since you did me the honour of electing me President of your Society, and I feel that I have not altogether justified your confidence and that this period has not been too fruitful of work in the furtherance of horticulture in the Colony. For this I crave your indulgence. We have carried on under some difficulties. For a considerable portion of the time we have been without an Hon. Secretary, and no less than four gentlemen have acted as Hon. Treasurer, and of the Committee there has always been a large proportion on leave. I am glad to report, however, that Mr. A. Piercy has consented to continue as Hon. Treasurer, and I will take this opportunity to thank him and Mr. Aucott for their good work in obtaining new members and collecting subscriptions. Whilst on the subject of subscriptions, I am sure that all members will, as far as possible, send in their subscriptions for the ensuing year without waiting for the shroff to call round. It is very difficult to collect small subscriptions especially from those living in outlying parts of the Colony. I am pleased to say that Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, in spite of his other interests, has kindly promised to undertake the duties of Hon. Secretary. He is very keen and energetic and I am sure the Society will have a successful year and trust that all members will back him up and give him all possible assistance. (Hear, hear.) His name and that of Mr. Piercy will be proposed and put to the meeting in due course.

The annual report has given you very full details of the show and position of the Society. Of course, we shall be glad to hear of any who are willing to become Life Members by payment of \$100.00. I shall be glad if any member present has any ideas or helpful suggestions to make to the incoming committee, he will do so now. With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented to you and will be glad if some one will kindly second this.

Mr. Plummer: On behalf of the members I would like to associate myself, Mr. Chairman, with all you have said. With regard to the late Miss Wallace, I would like to say that as Treasurer of the Society for over two years, I can truly endorse all the remarks you have made. I have very much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In proposing the election of Mr. Ho Kom-tong as President of the Society for the ensuing year, the Chairman said: Mr. Ho Kom-tong had, for years, been a large exhibitor and winner of prizes at the Society's show. He takes a keen personal interest in his garden and matters horticultural—and this Colony owes quite a debt of gratitude to him for the many new kinds of flowers he has from time to time introduced—as he is always trying out fresh varieties, etc. I hope he will have a successful year of office and his election as

## RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION.

## PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

M. A. Bari, a native of Lucknow, India, manager of the Indian Government railways and general transport service, was sent out on a special mission by the Indian Government, the owner of the entire railway system in India, to investigate railway transportation and track conditions generally in the United States and Canada. Mr. Bari went to Canada in July, and since had travelled considerably in the United States and Canada to study the manner in which transportation was managed, and was returning to India an absolute convert to private instead of State ownership.

DISTANT DIRECTORS. "In India," said Mr. Bari, "all railways, including street tramways, were owned by the Government, and with the exception of sections leased to British companies, were operated and managed by the India Department of Railways. Those leased and managed by British companies were not giving the satisfaction they should for the reason that the boards of management or directors are centred in London, 6,000 miles distant from the place of operation. After I completed my tour in the United States, I came to Canada, and if I had met with surprises in the United States at the thoroughness of railway management, I positively was amazed at the superb organization and management of the Canadian Pacific Railway and its auxiliary features of steamship and hotel activities. It is marvellous when you consider a railroad crossing an entire continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. Connection in the Atlantic in touch with England and the whole of Western Europe, sucking in the business to Canada from Great Britain and other European countries, while on the Pacific its steamship connections with the Orient. What struck me most in looking into the operation and management of the Canadian Pacific was the perfect organization, the co-operation in management, not only by the chief officials and the departments, but the co-operation and co-ordination of all the company's employees from the head official to the humblest workman. It seems to me that every man connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway takes the same interest in the company and its railway, steamships and hotel system management, as if he were in fact one of the owners. I carry with me to India for practical recommendation an emulation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's system.

President will have the effect of inducing more and more of the prominent Chinese ladies and gentlemen to join the Society; and, what is more important, exhibiting at the shows.

Mr. N. L. Watson seconded and the motion was carried with applause.

Returning thanks, Mr. Ho Kom-tong said that he would do his best to promote the interests of the Society. He felt that to do this he would have to rely greatly on the kind assistance of the Committee and the Hon. Secretary, which would be given, he felt sure, whenever he required it. (Applause.)

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. S. L. Sim, Mr. A. Piercy was elected Hon. Treasurer. Mr. E. B. C. Hornell was elected to the office of Hon. Secretary on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. K. S. Morrison.

The following members were elected to the Committee en bloc on the motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. A. Bready: Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Harrington, Messrs. H. Green, Chao Posen, N. L. Watson, E. L. Sim, F. P. de V. Soares, J. P. Robinson and J. A. Plummer.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mr. Sim, in submitting the motion, said they owed Mr. Dowbiggin a deep debt of gratitude not only for his services last year, but for many years past. In fact they regretted that he was no longer holding office.

Mr. Dowbiggin, replying, said he appreciated all that had been said but he felt conscious, as he had said in his speech, that he had not done as much as he would have liked. He thought it was about time that there was a change.

## CRICKET.

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

## LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Although only three league matches were played last Saturday, there has been sufficient change in the averages to warrant publication.

## BATTING.

## FIRST DIVISION.

No. of Innings	High Score	Aggregate	Average
A. el Arculli (L.)	34	66	66.00
Ng Sze-kwong (C.R.)	2	47	62.31
O. Ismail (L.)	3	39	90.30
Ramsey (K.)	2	29	56.28
Duncan (K.)	2	25	26.26
U. M. Omar (L.)	2	20	26.26
A. H. Rumjahn (L.)	3	62	75.25
W. Hung (C.R.)	2	46	48.24
A. H. Madar	3	28	46.23
S. H. Ismail	3	50	67.22

## SECOND DIVISION.

No. of Innings	High Score	Aggregate	Average
Redpath (R.E.)	3	95	196.00
Gandy (R.E.)	2	34	66.00
Harper (C.S.)	4	60	149.46
Mark (H.K.)	2	53	80.40
M. P. Madar (L.)	2	47	63.35
S. C. Wong (C.R.)	3	81	90.30
Cockell (R.E.)	2	39	57.30
Rumjahn (L.)	2	26	47.23
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	3	59	70.23
MacMaster (H.K.)	2	41	43.21
Weaver (K.)	2	23	41.20
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	3	35	60.20

—denotes not out.

## BOWLING.

## FIRST DIVISION.

No. of Wickets	Average
A. H. Madar (L.)	6.33
A. el Arculli (L.)	6.46
U. M. Omar (L.)	7.00
Earnshaw (K.)	11.50
SECOND DIVISION.	
Middleton (R.E.)	4.33
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	6.33
E. A. Moosdeen (L.)	6.33
Petheram (C.)	6.71
Winter (R.E.)	7.33
Redpath (R.E.)	7.64
Straid Khan (L.)	7.91
Sara (C.S.)	8.70
S. T. Wong (C.R.)	9.40
Liang (U.)	10.30
Osweik (C.S.)	10.75
Reid (H.K.)	11.40
Balchin (R.A.M.C.)	11.75

What with the Gymkhana as a counter-attraction and the following Bank Holiday on Monday, cricketers' minds will probably be divided this week-end. Also the wickets have not sufficiently got over the result of last week's deluge and there will not be many who will welcome the drying of the wickets. The wickets must have had some effect on last Saturday's league matches, if the scores are anything to go by. There was, however, another side to the picture as a few trundlers had a field day, notably Douglas Laing, who is playing for the Varsity and XI after learning the game at the Queen's College. Bowling unchanged, he finished up with the excellent average of 16.7.25. S. Harper, of Civil Service, apparently knew how to play him as he knocked up 42 before being caught off Lam. Harper has been brilliant consistent this year, his scores in league matches on four successive Saturdays being 5, 42 not out, 60 and 42.

Apocryphal this match which provided the Varsity men with their first league victory and at the same time wrecked the home team's hitherto unbeaten league record, it is interesting to note that form on paper has been badly upset in the second league. The Sappers are now firmly entrenched at the head of the table with full points for three matches. After beating the R. A. M. C. twice, Civil Service disappointed by drawing with the Chinese and then going down to the University when playing at home. A somewhat regular team is now turning out for the Civil Service juniors in contrast to what happened last year. That evergreen, Sara, has been highly successful with the ball, having taken 17 wickets in four innings. The weak points are the inability to keep down opponents' scores, lack of dependable batsmen, and indifferent running between the sticks. After conquering the University in their first match, the Club Juniors were beaten by the Medicals. Last Saturday they were down to play the R.E. at Happy Valley but the ground was too wet to permit of play. The ladies have lost to the Sappers.

Coming as it did, the day after last week's comment, the batting display put on by the Hong brothers for the C.R.C. first eleven, gave me immense pleasure. Willie, the youngest, made 46 against some steady, if not exceptionally dangerous, bowling. He has a marked tendency to pull balls to the leg which would be driven past cover-point by the accepted stylings of the cricket world. This may have been due to his small stature but I am sure he is a most beautiful batsman in cricket. Do not let me be misunderstood. Occasional mistakes in batting are inevitable in the progress of a batsman's career. But the Hong brothers have shown a marked tendency to pull balls to the leg which would be driven past cover-point by the accepted stylings of the cricket world. This may have been due to his small stature but I am sure he is a most beautiful batsman in cricket. Do not let me be misunderstood. Occasional mistakes in batting are inevitable in the progress of a batsman's career.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## GALSWORTHY'S "WINDOWS."

Last evening the Forbes-Russell Company gave John Galsworthy's "Windows."

The author does a good bit of talking through the window cleaner. This part, taken last night by Mr. Frederick Burwell, is a difficult one but he came through remarkably well and is to be complimented on a fine performance.

As the girl who has been through great trouble and refuses to reform Miss Nina Lewis did very well. She ably interpreted the thoughts and feelings of a girl who has spent two of the best years of her life in prison.

Mr. Guy Buckley was not quite convincing in the part of the poet son. Miss Enid Sess and Mr. Beresford Lovett as usual gave excellent performances.

To-night the Company will give by request "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" instead of "All of a Sudden Peggy."

## POPPY DAY.

The Poppy Day Sub-Committee have been granted the use of a room in the City Hall on Friday and Saturday as a depot for the distribution of poppies and to receive collecting boxes. The Telephone Co. have placed a telephone at their disposal (No. 743), so that collectors and organisers of districts can keep in touch and receive assistance required.

It now only remains for everyone to give what they can for their "Poppy of Remembrance."

and beaten Kowloon. More will have to be seen of them to assess their prospects. Kowloon beat the Chinese on Saturday and thus broke their "duck" for the season. If the Medicals had not lost full points to the Civil Servants their chances would have been bright but they will have to make up a good deal of leeway if they are to come out on top. The Fokfulum team has shown what it can do towards upsetting calculations and although they are not likely to finish runners-up as was the case last year, the better-placed teams will have to be careful. Like the R.A.M.C. there are some good all-rounders in the University and XI but that does not make an eleven.

Sofar, the Navy cricketers have not shown promise of danger but it must be remembered that all the ships are not here yet and by the time their league programme commences, two strong elevens may be placed in the field. Last season they laboured under the great handicap of having to field about thirty-five different men in seven league matches, which is not conducive to annexing league points. With the number of players to fall back on, I think an anomalous position will be created. One team may play the Navy when half the big ships are away and have an easy thing while another may meet all the available talent. Still, as far as the second division is concerned, I venture to predict a very interesting season with plenty of excitement. All that is necessary is for every team to complete its fixtures even if one team has already won the competition.

Last year, I was bold enough to point out that local cricketers did not pay as much attention to fielding and running between the sticks as batting strokes and bowling ability. A visit to any pitch on Saturday will show that batsmen are more or less content to leave the art of running to chance. It is not meant that in Saturday afternoon cricket, players should make a labour of the game but they will have the satisfaction of knowing that interested spectators always appreciate scientific running, especially for one's partner. In both matches against the Navy, the Club fielding was a great deal above the ordinary. There are other teams whose captains are particular about this branch of the game but there are also one or two teams against whom some batsmen make an extra run on the strength of a weak return.

Coming as it did, the day after last week's comment, the batting display put on by the Hong brothers for the C.R.C. first eleven, gave me immense pleasure. Willie, the youngest, made 46 against some steady, if not exceptionally dangerous, bowling. He has a marked tendency to pull balls to the leg which would be driven past cover-point by the accepted stylings of the cricket world. This may have been due to his small stature but I am sure he is a most beautiful batsman in cricket. Do not let me be misunderstood. Occasional mistakes in batting are inevitable in the progress of a batsman's career. But the Hong brothers have shown a marked tendency to pull balls to the leg which would be driven past cover-point by the accepted stylings of the cricket world. This may have been due to his small stature but I am sure he is a most beautiful batsman in cricket. Do not let me be misunderstood. Occasional mistakes in batting are inevitable in the progress of a batsman's career.

## SEPARATED.

Gyping in my dreams all night long, at last  
The sights converged, into a dream forest,  
Surrounded on all sides by hills,  
And trees;  
And in the midst of these, I saw  
A church,  
Looming out in the distance;  
And her spires  
Seemed to tower dimly to the heavens;  
While the whole vista was robed  
In a shroud,  
Of scattered, bloodshot flames.

Then I heard a cry  
A woman's piercing cry of despair  
It was a voice, a sweet one from the past  
Calling in agonised fright—Yes, the voice  
Of her who was my "most dearly beloved";  
Who was torn from my side, and lost to me  
For ever so long, that I gave up hope  
Of happiness, and spent my days  
In gall.

I rushed to her, all anxious, and so full  
Of joy, and anguished thoughts;  
And gained  
The precincts at last, of that raging scene;  
And though flame-jets were circling around me,  
I did not stop, until I made the church  
Which stood alone, unscared by the flames.  
I ran down the aisle, searched pallid faces,  
But not a sign of her, until she met  
My expectant gaze, from a lone angle;  
And God, I rushed, and caught her in my arms  
And kissed her, kissed her, more and more.

Then I awoke  
But firm reality was still a blank;  
And through the opacity of the night  
A voice, as if from heaven's oracle,  
Revealed my dream to me—It said,  
"The forest you saw is the border-land  
Where those marooned, from the tempestuous seas  
Of married life will eventually go."

The scattered flames are evils that beset  
The dear ones that will live as things apart;  
And the church, with spires rising to heaven  
Is the symbol of love, that leads to God  
And its immunity, from the wild flames,  
Are the prayers, withal, the pure love  
From you, which will protect your beloved ones—  
—H. M. SILVA  
November 9, 1923.

CHINESE DESIGNS  
ELECTRIC CAR.

Hu Kuo-kwang of Shanghai, has designed an electric car. Registration has been applied for at the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce. Following is a description of the invention:

Body—Steel with wooden frames.  
Wheels—Wire. Size of tyres 26 x 3.  
Springs—Finest alloyed steel. Elliptical type.

Motor—Standard type.  
Motor—Specially designed and built in China. The two extremities of the axle are fitted to run with ball bearings. Type is Series Wound, 48 volts, 40 amperes.  
Transmission—Worm drive 10:1.

Controller—Drum type. Two speeds. Small handle is used to change speeds. Controller is provided with a locking device.  
Brake—Foot brake fitted to the rear wheels.

Steering—The steering gear is the same as used commonly in most automobiles. The rod of the steering gear is fitted with ball bearings.

Storage batteries—There are 24 storage batteries arranged in 2 boxes. Each battery has a capacity of 120 ampere hours.

Lights—2 spot lights, also a tail light.

Speed—8-15 miles an hour.  
Consumption—50 miles on one charge of electricity.

Accessories—One amperemeter, one electric horn, one battery charger, one jack, one charging plug, cables etc.

Two sizes are made, the four-seater and the two-seater. The four-seater may be made in the sedan type.

Prices range from £14.00 to £14.700.

People from every corner of the earth, etc. combining proudly to show what has been achieved in this country. The exhibition will be a wonderful feat of engineering. There are pavilions, gardens, conference halls, an Imperial Palace, which is the largest sports arena in the world, and two huge industrial halls, the Palace of Engineering and the Palace of Industry. The Palace of Engineering alone covers an area of more than 11 acres, and is probably the largest concrete building in the world; five lines of railway run through it from end to end in order to facilitate the assembly of exhibits. It will house one of the finest collections of engineering exhibits ever brought together in one exhibition. There will also be a miniature coal mine, in active operation.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

## Ex 88. "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA"

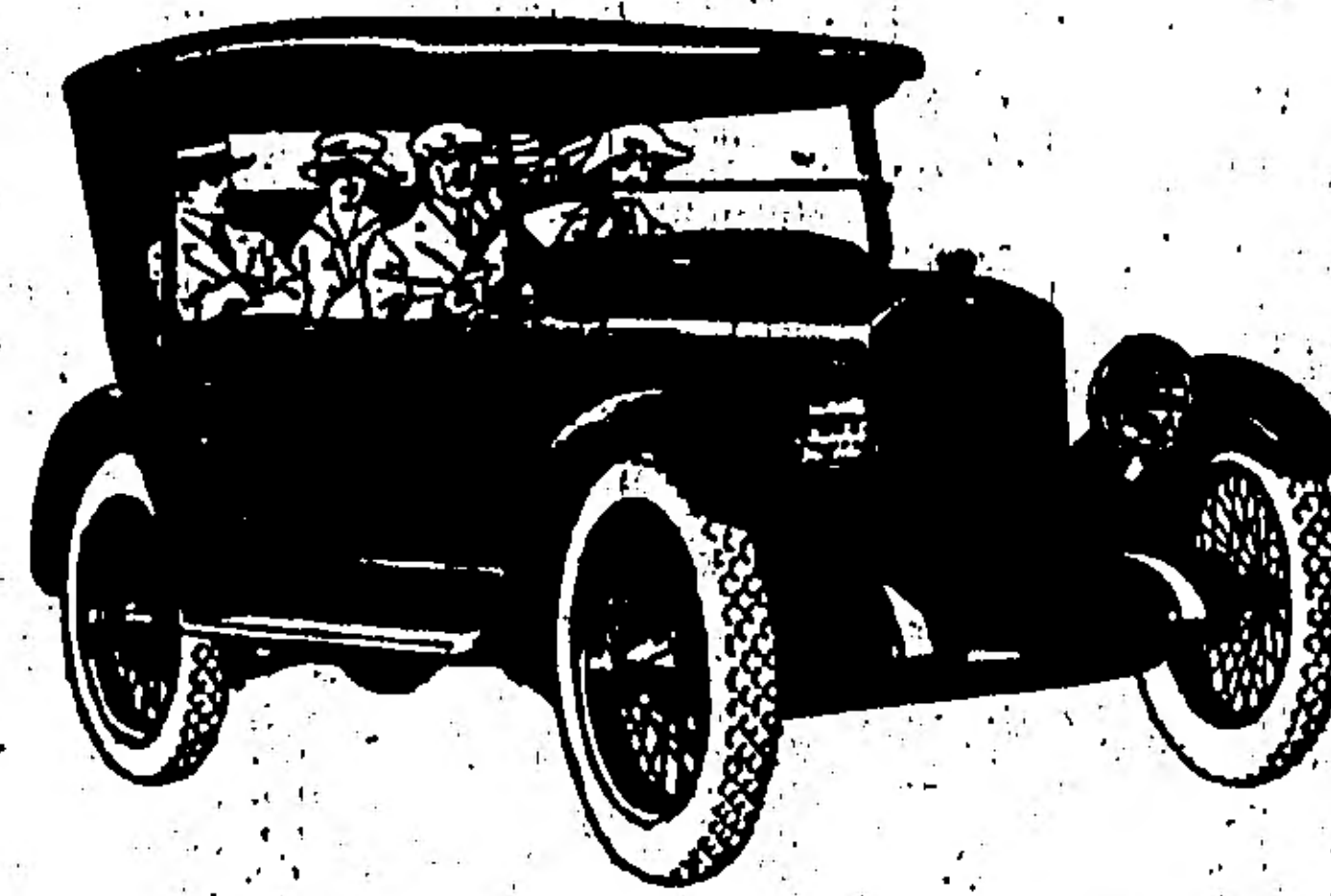
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BRITISH EMPIRE  
EXHIBITION.

## TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES.

Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son send us an attractive and interesting booklet relating to the British Empire Exhibition to be held at Wembley, London, next year. They write—

London will be the centre of the world in a very special way next year; for, from April to October, it is to be the scene of the great British Empire Exhibition. Though exhibits are to be confined to British Empire goods, the spectacle, in all but name, will be international. At Wembley Park, where it takes place, it will be an epitome of civilization's achievements.

In scale the Exhibition has no parallel in history. The following facts give some idea of its size:—  
It occupies an area of 215 acres, and will cost over £10,000,000 to prepare.

It is estimated that, during the six months it is open, 20,000,000 people will visit it from all parts of the world.

All the Dominions and Colonies that make up the British Empire are taking part in it. They are spending over £1,000,000 on their buildings alone, and in each case their Pavilions will be thoroughly characteristic of the countries they represent.

The buildings are being constructed almost entirely of concrete and the whole structure will be a wonderful feat of engineering. There are pavilions, gardens, conference halls, an Imperial Palace, which is the largest sports arena in the world, and two huge industrial halls, the Palace of Engineering and the Palace of Industry.

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produced. A Chinese street will show the craftsman of the East at work. From the South Seas will come the rare and refreshing fruits of the Pacific.

At night the whole Exhibition will be flooded with mysterious light coming apparently from nowhere, but producing an illumination rivaling daylight itself. A lake, in a wonderful embroidery of gardens, runs through the grounds from East to West. It will reflect light at night in such an ingenious way that the graceful lights will seem to ride suspended on a luminous cloud.

Thos. Cook & Son are the Chief official Passenger Agents for this Exhibition.

Season tickets, ordinary tickets and special reduced rate tickets for the Exhibition will be obtainable shortly at any of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son's offices in the Far East. Special arrangements have been made for the reserving hotel accommodation in London and visitors from the Far East will be well advised to book their rooms in advance through Thos. Cook & Son.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. S. S. "Sirocco" from Liverpool, left Singapore on Nov. 7 for this port and is due here on Nov. 11 at p.m.

The C. P. S. S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Nov. 2 at a.m. left Yokohama on Nov. 3 at p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Nov. 12.

The S. S. "Victoria" left Sydney on Oct. 29 and is due at this port today. She will call from Hongkong for Sandakan and Australia Ports on Nov. 12.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila on Nov. 1 and is due here on Nov. 12.

The B. F. S. S. "Dardanelles" left Liverpool on Oct. 27 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Taku and Dairen and is due here on or about Nov. 12.

The B. F. S. S. "Titan" left Liverpool on Nov. 1 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Dec. 1.

Cargo arrived per S.S. "West Klondike" from Seattle, Alaska, Nov. 11. The ship is expected to arrive at this port on Nov. 12.

Consignment of goods from the United States will be subject to the same regulations as those of the "West Klondike".



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## PIRACY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—Does not the last piracy—presuming the Cheung Chau launch has been pirated, prove the absolute necessity that exists for the provision of at least one aeroplane? I am aware that darkness had set in when the boat was found to be missing, but a plane could have been brought into requisition as soon as there was sufficient light to enable it to get about. I am under the impression that there was in existence, formerly, a committee to consider and form an aero club, but apparently the matter has died the usual natural death. I hope, Sir, you will use your influence to have the matter of aeroplanes brought to the notice of those in authority who do not seem to be able to profit from the experiences of the past.

Yours etc,  
FLYER.

Hongkong, November 8.

## CRIME AND REGISTRATION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—The Government has passed an Ordinance permitting those who sit in judgment to give sentences up to ten years for those found with or using arms for a criminal purpose. This fact has been broadcasted all over the Colony and in the region from which it is commonly stated that our criminal class emerge—Cautious. What happens? As you have pointed out previously, the sentences given by the big-wigs of the Supreme Court have recently been the reverse of severe; crime is still on the increase; robberies are committed in broad daylight in the centre of the city, and on roads on the higher levels, and orientals are not the only people who are molested. Europeans, as is well known, have been robbed, or attempts made upon them to do so; worse of all the women of our race are being subjected to attentions in this respect which revolt the mind and call out for drastic treatment and reform. Matters are so bad that the police in the spare time it has free from performing drills, and controlling motor traffic, is considering the adoption of bullet-proof vests to use when it performs its periodic raids on questionable premises. It is time that the matter of crime prevention engaged the serious attention of those whose business it is, and those who are so well paid to do it, to adopt measures that will bring the matter to the lowest possible minimum. There is only one way out of the mess in which we find ourselves, due to the inaction and inability of the powers that be to put crime down. And that is registration of the entire Asiatic community living within British territory in this part of the world. The matter at first blush may seem stupendous, costly, and impossible of realisation. I have to point out that all Europeans are registered; why not Asiatics? The matter is not stupendous if tackled in the right way. It may be costly but in this respect I may point out that we are maintaining a costly Police force, which, from the way nature of things does not actually justify itself. No scheme can be considered too costly which is going to rid us of our criminal element and make this place safe to live in. The outrages which have been done cry aloud for reform and I trust that this matter of registration will be pressed home until the authorities come to see and realise that it is the only way out of a difficulty which daily becomes more and more onerous.

Yours etc,  
HOUSEHOLDER.  
Hongkong, November 9.

## HOUSEBUILDING ON SUNDAYS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—As far as shipping is concerned, it is well known that for the sake of emergency, the Government does permit the loading of ships on a Sunday. Likewise too, any work which is really a case of actual and immediate necessity, work of a manual nature is always tolerable. For instance, a man falling into the sea or a man having his horse or sheep or cow falling into the sea, certainly one may do the needful by saving the lives of these several animals immediately and not wait for the morrow. But Sir, the object of this is to ensure whether actual housebuilding is really a necessity for it being attended to on a Sunday in addition to the whole six days of the week. This is a Christian Colony and its Government is Christian and in the face of this work is being allowed on Sundays to build houses. While such construction may be tolerated by non-Christians who build for their own nationals, surely non-Christians should not be permitted to go on building on Sundays for

SIR JAMES JAMIESON  
K.C.M.G.

## CEREMONY AT SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, November 9.

At an impressive ceremony at the British Consulate yesterday afternoon, Sir Ronald Macdonald presented the insignia of the K.C.M.G. to Sir James Jamieson, Consul-General at Canton.—*Reuter.*

## PEKING'S PREMIER.

PEKING, November 8.

Regarding the report that President Tsao Kun will appoint Sun Pao-chi as Shui Premier on the 15th inst., Sun Pao-chi reiterates that he does not desire the post unless his appointment is passed by Parliament.

It is unofficially stated that if Sun Pao-chi takes the Premiership, he will appoint Dr. W. W. Yen Foreign Minister, while Wu Yu-lin and Kuo Ling-wei and Chang Keh will retain their present portfolios.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

## FIRE BRIGADE.

## EFFICIENT WORKING.

Those whose business took them to the Central Police Station precincts this morning, were treated to an entertaining and highly interesting display of drill-work by the Fire Brigade. Superintendent Brooks and Station Officer Moss directed the Chinese firemen who proved themselves quite intelligent and adept at their work. Many forms of fire-fighting were gone through and thrilling rescues made from the verandahs of the Station quarters. A third floor ladder was run up and put into position in a matter of seconds and in spite of their cumbersome boots the men were at the top in a manner which would have put to shame a pet monkey tied to one of the railings. Roars of laughter were provoked when the men went through the practice of sliding down the canvas shutters used for life-saving. Each man was lifted into the "bag" by Mr. Brooks and an assistant foreman, to be lifted out when they slid to the bottom. A canvas blanket was brought into use and the men had a turn in jumping into it from the verandah. Altogether it was a very smart turnout and highly creditable to all concerned. The station compound is more conducive to drill than the Supreme Court. Its use for drill should therefore tend to bring the Brigade to even higher efficiency.

Christian people. For instance let us take the new European Y.M.C.A. which is being built at Kowloon, six days during the week the poor hard working Chinese are working away hard at same, and on a Sunday too they are still working away as hard as possible. If the parties responsible for same set up a standard of the Christian faith, then surely they should see to it that the men who are building the same even though they be non-Christians should not be permitted to work on a Sunday. Again, we will take the new Peninsula Hotel, also the whole week the poor men are working away hard at it, and on Sundays too they never leave off. In this latter case also the parties responsible for same are men who claim to be Christians, and yet these non-Christians are permitted to carry on Sundays also.

Surely it is not anywhere near the instances quoted above that this working on Sundays is an actual and immediate necessity and because it is not so, it is well that those concerned should help and improve matters so far as the building of houses concerned that work is not permitted. This is one way of spreading the Christian gospel rather than by preaching all the most wonderful sermons in a Christian place of worship. As long as any work has not got to be performed instantaneously, no manual work should be permitted in a Christian Colony on a Sunday, especially if the building of such erections are intended for those who profess the Christian faith. The ordinary Christian gentleman or woman works six days in the week and surely each one of them need some kind of quietness and peace on one day in the week rather than having to contend with the unbearable noises at these several places of construction, and having even to brush up against non-Christian Chinese men and women carrying heavy loads of sand and mud etc. in the public streets. I believe if there is any Christian community which would try and prevent this bad system of working on a Sunday, the European Young Men's Association management should make a start and prevent their contractors from carrying on such work on a Sunday in future.

Yours etc,  
OBSERVER.

Hongkong, November 9.

CANADIAN PACIFIC  
TO  
MANILA.

Commencing with the arrival from Vancouver of the "Empress of Russia," 25th March, the Canadian Pacific will inaugurate a New Service between Hongkong and Manila by the Steamers "Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia."

Leaving Hongkong regularly on the Wednesday after arrival from Vancouver the Steamers will arrive at Manila, Friday Morning, leave Manila Saturday Evening and arrive back in Hongkong, Monday Morning 7 a.m.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Passenger Department: Tel. 752. Cables: JACANPAC.  
Freight and Express: Tel. 42. Cables: NAUTILUS.

## MISSING LAUNCH.

## WHERE IS SHE?

## FURTHER DETAILS.

Word has been received by the Water Police that the steam-launch "Lee Fat" which served as a ferry between Hongkong and Cheung Chau (Dumbell Island) is at Shek Ki, the capital of the district of Heung Shan which adjoins Macau. Enquiries at the Station brought forth a statement that no details whatever had been received, it being merely stated that the launch had been seen by Chinese presumably the Chinese Maritime Customs.

On Wednesday evening a junk reported to the Cheung Chau police that shots had been heard on the launch which left the island at about 7 p.m. for Hongkong. Later in the evening it became apparent that as the "Lee Fat" had not arrived at its wharf here, something was amiss. Police launches assisted by a Naval tug with armed officers, scoured the neighbouring waters, going as far as Bias Bay but no trace of the vessel could be found. It was concluded that the launch had been pirated and the present report seems to confirm it as a fairly large sum of money was on board.

The local Wah Tsze Yat Po says that jewellery was on board as a resident was moving into Hongkong. An employee of the Mow Loong rice firm was also a passenger and he is said to have had between five and six thousand dollars, being amounts collected from clients. A shop's fook is said to have carried over \$1,000 with him on the launch. The vernacular paper also states that a Chinese recently returned from America was coming into Hongkong from Cheung Chau with "several ten thousands of gold pieces," to be deposited in a local bank.

The "Lee Fat" is owned by a Chinese named Wan and was only recently hired to augment the Cheung Chau ferry service. In the mornings it served as the Hau Hol ferry and was only used in the evenings for the Cheung Chau run. Shek Ki is a flourishing town at the junction of several important passages on the southern part of the Canton River delta. Its inhabitants follow the same living as those on Dumbell Island, namely, fishing. The crews of the fishing

## COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

## MORE NAILS BOUGHT.

Transactions in the local Wire Nails market continue. Chinese dealers are still buying 330 assortment and the price ex godown has gone up from \$10.05 to \$10.95 per picul keg. Chinese importers have booked further orders for indent at prices stated to be \$10.35 ex godown Hongkong.

## SUGAR IMPROVES.

Advice was received yesterday that sugar prices in Java had gone up but no reason was given. Speculators on the look-out for the finest excuse to put prices up in a dull market began buying and this morning, importers quoted \$14.80 per picul for "spot" No. 24 Java rough white, at which some small sales were recorded. Although stocks of No. 24 fine white are small and this grade holds little interest at present, the price also moved upwards in sympathy and closed at \$15.00 nominal. Brown sugar was not in such big demand, No. 18 rough being quoted at \$14.05 and the lower grade at \$13.04. A few sales of "futures" were also reported. No. 24 rough white being booked at about 12 cents per picul lower than "spot."

## RICE PRICES.

Small stocks and few arrivals have made up for difficulty in getting shipments away and prices remain steady. Rice merchants are looking forward to the new junk-ferry service between Hongkong, Ma-Lu-Chau and Kongmoon, to help clear away bargains in godowns.

## FLOUR MARKET.

"Spot" flour prices remain steady but "futures" have moved up slightly. A fairly large sale of "White Greens" for December arrival was made this morning at \$2.88 which is only a few cents below the spot quotation. Clearances have been fair.

fleets of these two places and Macau are constantly moving from place to place. It may be that news leaked out of the treasure to be carried on the "Lee Fat" and pirates in the Chinese waters accordingly planned the supposed attack. There were about forty passengers on the ferry, including a number of women.

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Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for  
the above Ports.  
Silt and Valuable and Tea for Italy,  
France and London (under arrangement)  
will be transhipped at Bombay into the  
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Parcels will be received at this Office  
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The contents and value of all packages  
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having arrived from above ports,  
Consignees are requested to present  
their Bills of Lading in exchange for  
Delivery Orders, and take immediate  
delivery from alongside steamer.  
All Cargo not taken delivery from  
steamer by 7th November, 1923, will  
be landed into the hazardous and/or  
non-hazardous godowns of the Hong-  
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown  
Co., Ltd., at consignees' risk, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed and damaged  
cargo will be examined by Messrs.  
Anderson & Ashe (Marine Surveyors)  
at the godowns on 12th instant, at  
10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted after  
the goods have left the steamer or  
godowns, and all goods remaining  
undelivered after 13th instant,  
will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer  
must be presented to the Underwriter  
on or before 20th November, 1923,  
or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance whatever will  
be effected.

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Hongkong, November 7, 1923.

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CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby  
informed that all Goods are being  
landed at their risk into the hazardous  
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of  
the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf  
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or  
from the wharves delivery may be  
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
Goods remaining undelivered after the  
14th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must  
be presented to the Underwriter on or  
before the 21st instant, or they will  
not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,  
where they will be examined on the  
14th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
by—

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Agents.  
Hongkong, November 7, 1923.

## VOTING CONTEST.

## OUR \$50 PRIZE.

## COLONY'S BEAUTY SPOTS.

What are Hongkong's ten prettiest beauty spots in the list given below? Name them in their order and win our \$50 prize.

Twenty different local beauty spots are named below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one polling next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

## MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name twenty local beauty spots. Select the ten you think the most popular.

- 1... .. Botanic Gardens
- 2... .. Bowen Road
- 3... .. Castle Peak
- 4... .. Deep Water Bay
- 5... .. Fanling
- 6... .. Flower Street
- 7... .. Jubilee Road
- 8... .. Happy Valley
- 9... .. King's Park
- 10... .. Lyseum
- 11... .. Mount Parker
- 12... .. Nathan Road
- 13... .. Repulse Bay
- 14... .. Shatin
- 15... .. Sookumpoo
- 16... .. Stanley
- 17... .. Statue Square
- 18... .. Stonecutters
- 19... .. The Peak
- 20... .. Tytam

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To the Editor  
China Mail, Hongkong, November 9, 1923.  
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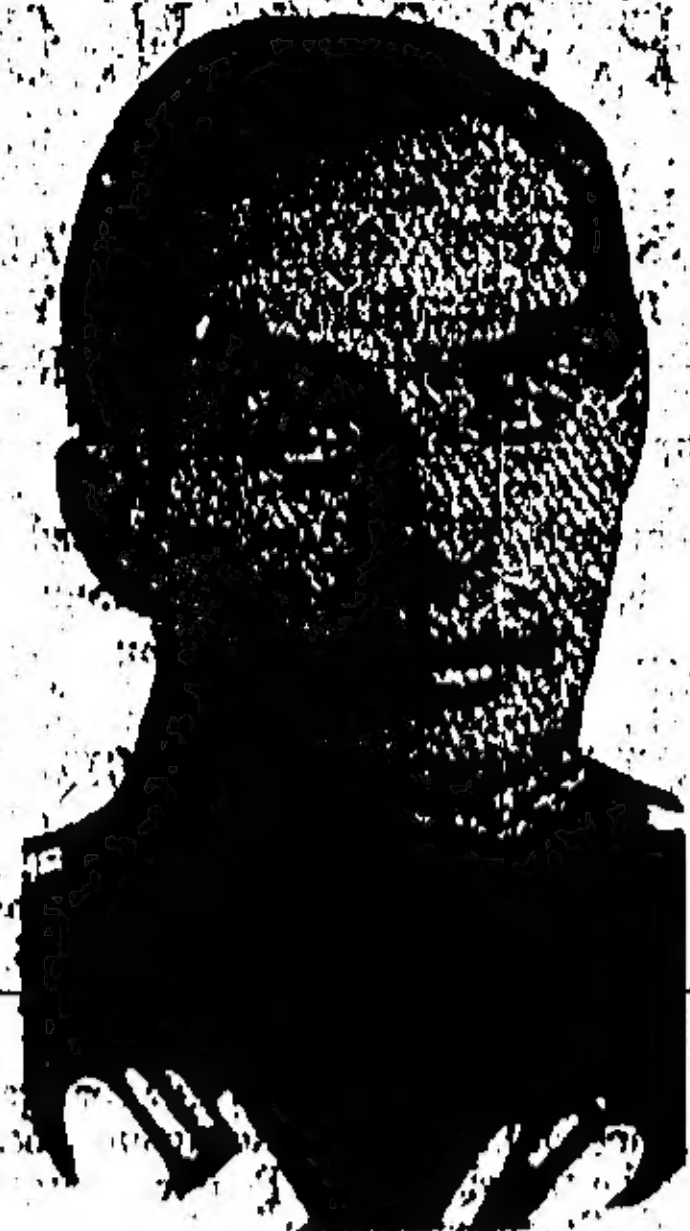
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Galord M. Saltzgeber has been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the reunion of the Civil War veterans in Milwaukee.



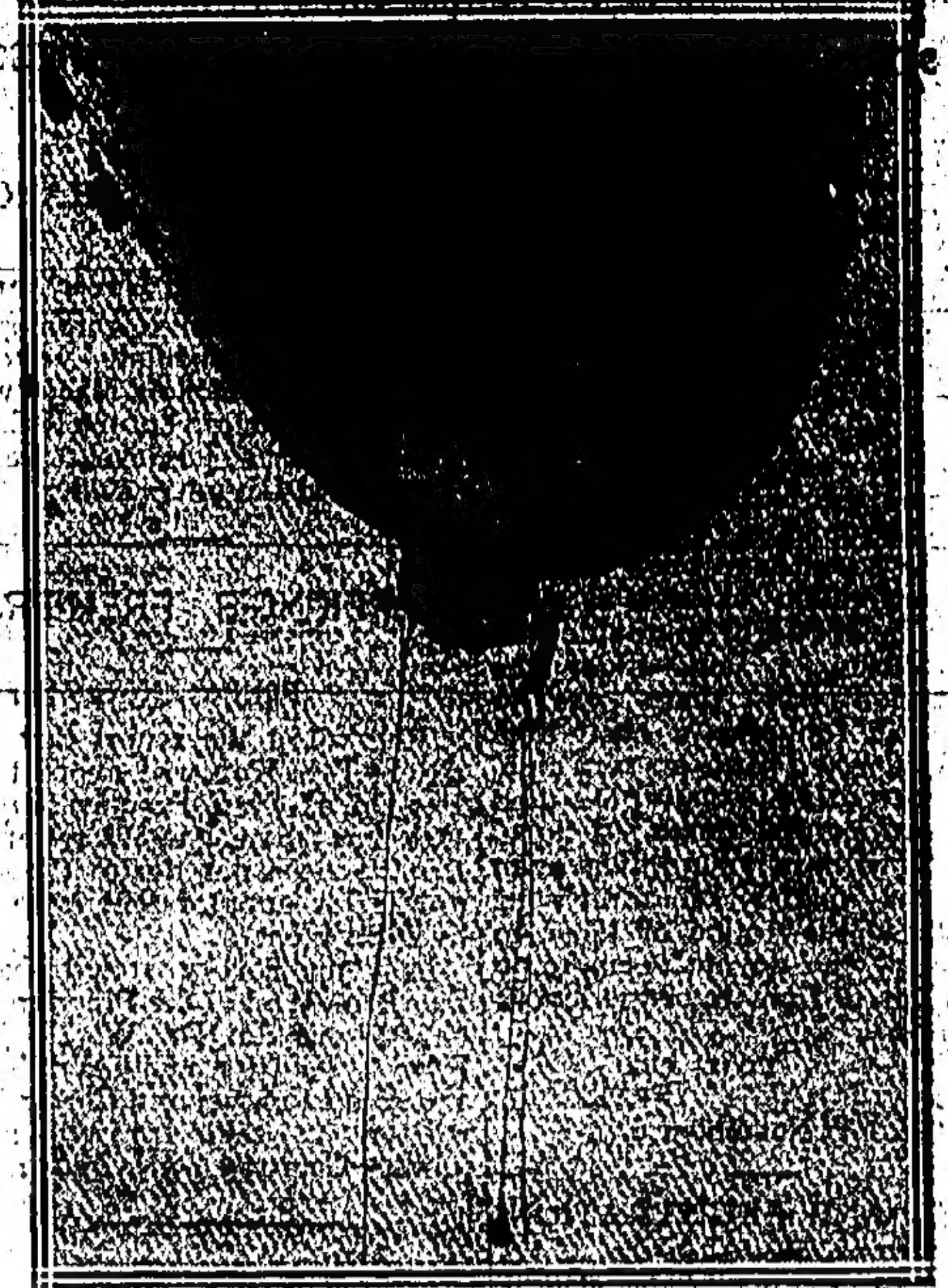
Peter Kusmitch Koslov, famous explorer, who spent two years in the "Dead City of Hara Hoto," in central Tibet, has left Moscow with a Soviet expedition for three years more of exploration there. Hara Hoto was found to be a deserted city, with everything in it intact, as though the inhabitants had been swallowed up. The most precious "find" was a library of 2,500 volumes from the period of the ninth to the eleventh century. These books are in seven languages—Persian, Sanskrit, Arabic, Mongolian, Tibetan, Tungusian and Sisy, a heretofore undiscovered language, which was used by the inhabitants of Hara Hoto. This library Koslov took to Moscow, and it is now in the Artistic Museum of the Academy of Sciences, in Petrograd.



Otto Nelson Hartman, a Chicago "bell hop" and bus boy, has returned to the Windy City, after perpetrating a series of hoaxes on society in the East. Masquerading as one of the social elite, he mingled with the leading society figures, and at Newport was a guest on the magnificent yacht of Commodore Arthur Curtiss James. His pass into society was his manners, his clothes—and his colossal nerve.



Alonzo Howard, adventurer in many love affairs, is charged by Mrs. "Addie" Carlton, 50, with having made such violent love to her she gave him \$5,000 left her by her husband—and her heart. When the charges became public Miss Bertha A. Hutchins, a Boston school teacher, committed suicide by drowning in the Charles River. Her father charges she was engaged to Howard and could not stand the disgrace.



Uncle Sam's Army dirigible "blimps" have been put to many uses but this remarkable photograph shows one of the tiny balloons flying over the water, near Langley Field, and saving a drowning man. The rope ladder, weighted down by a bucket, was dropped to him, and he may be seen climbing into the basket of the "blimp."



Three heirs of his mother's estate, two of them members of the British nobility, have filed application in the Surrogate's Court in New York City to cust James L. Breese, famous society leader and artist, as executor. He is charged with mismanagement of the property and with having made personal use of it. Mr. Breese is trustee of the large fund created by his grandmother, Eloise L. Lawrence, and by his mother, Mrs. Augusta E. Breese, who died in 1908. Mr. Breese's first wife was the daughter of Major-General Robert B. Potter and a niece of the late Bishop Potter. He is a member of many clubs in New York City and thrived society when he staged the famous "Girl in the Pie" dinner at his studio several years ago. The petitioners are his two nieces—Lady Alastair Innes-Kerr, who was Anna Parsons Breese, and the Countess of Ancaster, who was Eloise Breese, both daughters of his brother, William L. Breese. The third is William L. Breese, son of Mrs. Julia Keene Fish Breese, of New York and grandson of Hamilton Fish.



Miss Evelyn Mantell, a San Francisco school teacher, has been officially reported as having lost her life in the earthquake and fire in Yokohama, Japan. She was on a six months' leave of absence for a tour of the Orient and arrived in Yokohama only two days before the disaster.



General Ludendorff, von Hindenburg's right-hand man in the World War, does not hope to bring ex-Kaiser Wilhelm back to Germany, but he does believe the Monarchists will re-establish a monarchy in Germany, and he is grooming the eldest son of Princess Hermine, the ex-Kaiser's second wife, for the job. He is Prince Hans George Heinrich Ludwig Friedrich Herman Ferdinand von Schoenbach-Carolath, 16 years old, overgrown and anaemic. He lives with a court, in his Castle Antitz, in Upper Silesia. He is extraordinarily fond of candy and eats enormous quantities, despite the orders of his doctors. Hermine is set on having her son made Kaiser and already forces his attendants to address him as "Your Majesty."



Joseph Marcelino Blata, a former barber, who rose high in finances, admitted that he had looted the Warren Bank, of \$213,000, but entered a plea of not guilty and elected to stand trial, being sent to jail in default of a bond of \$25,000. Blata was extradited from Mexico, to which he had fled. Frank L. Taylor, the \$50-a-week-figurehead president of the bank, is serving three to five years in prison for his part in the robbery.



Miss May Campbell, a 17-year-old girl, of Columbus, O., who was selected as Miss America of 1922 at the national bathing-beauty contest in Atlantic City, won her title again as Miss America of 1923 in the contest this year. She is shown here with King Neptune, impersonated by Lynn Harding.

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